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Simmons elected to state Woman's Missionary Union

Patricia Simmons was elected Monday to the staff of Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Miss Simmons, a native of Gloster, was elected by a phone poll of the MBCB Executive Committee as Girls in Action/Mission Friends Consultant. She will give direction to the work of girls in grades one through six and pre-school boys and girls in the area of missions education in churches.

A graduate of Mississippi University for Women, with both bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education, Miss Simmons has been a part of the Hawaii Baptist Academy in Honolulu since 1963. She has taught kindergarten, second grade, third grade, and has served as elementary school principal.

Miss Simmons was a member of the Nuuanu Baptist Church in Honolulu. Among the positions of leadership which she was filling at the time she

returned to the mainland were children's church director and president of Baptist Women.

She is already on the job, recruiting staffers for Camp Garaywa's summer program.

Simmons

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Drunk driving meet Feb. 22

Two legislators from the Mississippi House of Representatives will be a part of the program Feb. 22 for the Christian Action Commission seminar, "Drinking Driving: The Church's Response." The hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. The two representatives are Dennis Dollar, who represents Harrison County, and Jerry Horton, who represents Pontotoc County.

Dollar is an active Baptist layman and has also served as minister of music and youth at First Church of Lyman in Gulfport. He has served in the legislature for seven years. During the 1982 session of the legislature, he was one of the sponsors of a series of bills which would toughen the statutes regarding drunk driving.

Horton is also a Baptist layman in (Continued on page 6)

Speakers discuss evangelists making other evangelists

By Tim Nicholas
Evangelism is "that process by which the evangelized themselves become evangelists." This definition was offered by John Bisagno during the Evangelism Bible Conference last week at Starkville's First Church.

Bisagno, pastor of First Church, Houston, Tex., was one of five plenary speakers who discussed various aspects of witnessing for Christ and equipping the laity for service.

This annual conference, aimed primarily at the state's Baptist preachers, is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School and Evangelism departments. Most sessions drew a full house.

Bisagno said that Christians "don't do witnessing because we feel like it; we do it because the word of God tells us to." Bisagno continued his talk about witnessing likening it to its use in a trial. He said Christians should not be afraid to witness. "Jesus Christ is on trial, you're not." He added to the preachers, "Set your people free with that."

The Texas pastor said witnessing doesn't always get instant results. "The Spirit of God may take 20 or 30 years to try the case." However, "If you don't give the witness when you can, you only blow the case and he may never be saved," Bisagno said.

Harold Songer, professor at South-

ern Seminary, commenting on developing an evangelistic lifestyle, said that there is a "new Puritanism" afoot today. That concerns people being afraid to mention religious aspects of life. He said if one wanted to really shock a group, say something like, "I was reading the Bible and praying..."

He said of witnessing to people of various backgrounds, "Don't be afraid of flagrant sinners; they make wonderful Christians."

Ed Young, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Tex., said preachers should concentrate more on the "major sin" which he said is "rejection of God's" (Continued on page 2)



Martha Branham, soloist for the Evangelism/Bible Conference, chats with Bryant Cummings, left, director of the Sunday School Department, and John Bisagno, pastor of First Church, Houston, Texas, and a conference speaker.

Pinson, Meece on program

Youth Night will feature the youth of Mississippi

The 1983 Mississippi Baptist Youth Night Aug. 12 in Jackson will actively involve the state's young people in the program. In addition, the featured speaker will be William Pinson, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the guest musician will be David Meece of Oklahoma who will give a concert.

This year's Youth Night will return to a one session program, instead of two identical sessions. It will take place at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, 7-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12.

Other than Pinson and Meece, the platform will be dominated by the kids. A statewide youth choir will be assembled during the program as will a statewide youth handbell choir and a Youth Night band. Music and details on how to participate in those three

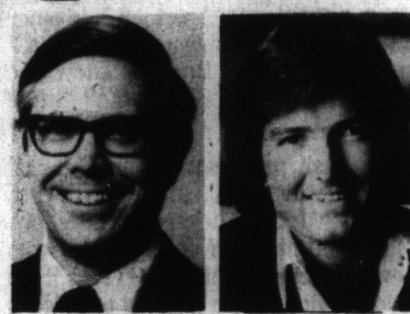
groups will be made available later.

Additionally, the 1983 state vocal festival winners will sing and the 1983 keyboard festival winners will be accompanists for the program.

A special speaker for the Youth Night session will be Carla Haag, newly-crowned as Mississippi's Junior Miss. She is a member of Hattiesburg's Temple Baptist Church and she will give her Christian testimony during the program.

Theme of the program is "Share His Love." Lewis Oswalt, minister of music for First Church, Pascagoula, has been commissioned to write a special choral work for the 1983 Youth Night.

Clark Adams of Clarke College will direct the Youth Night choir. Lee Poquette of First Church, Jackson, will direct the Youth Night Band. And Perry Robinson of First Church, Ellisville, will direct the handbell choir.



Pinson

Meece

BSSB trustees authorize study for TelNet studio

By Linda Lawson
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Trustees of the Sunday School Board authorized a study and preparation for the development of a Baptist TelNet studio and heard a progress report on the satellite telecommunications network from board President Grady Cothen.

In the Feb. 1-2 meeting in which Lloyd Elder was elected to succeed Cothen, trustees also elected Royce Dodd, 33, as manager of the western region of Baptist Book Stores.

Dodd joined the board in 1976 as manager of the Columbus, Ohio, store and since March 1979 has managed the Asheville and Ridgecrest, N. C., stores.

A 1984 increase in church literature prices which will average approximately 6 percent also was approved. The increase will be effective in April 1984.

Cothen told trustees that Baptist TelNet equipment prices will be available later this month. The network to churches, associations, state conventions, and other Baptist groups is expected to be operational in the spring of 1984.

Cothen said the board will offer several choices in equipment, ranging

from cheaper, manually operated TVROs (television receive only units) to more expensive models with automatic features.

He said subscription costs for programs "will be significantly lower than original projections," and will be determined before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in June.

Cothen said he will meet this month with state executive secretaries to develop plans to market equipment and that several states and many SBC agencies have expressed interest in using the network.

He said the board's uplink is expected to be completed in the fall.

"This thing is already far bigger than all of us and we have only begun to explore the potential," said Cothen. "Southern Baptists are in the vanguard in telecommunications and I rejoice because of the opportunities for reaching people for Christ."

Cothen called president-elect Lloyd Elder "a bright, organized, Bible-believing Baptist and a great leader."

He said Elder's 10-month orientation process will include an introduction to the board's 16 programs of work and that he will meet with board personnel and leaders of state and SBC agencies. "He will be involved in all planning

decisions and will have all information available to him," said Cothen.

Cothen said a task force appointed in 1982 is working to determine how best to represent differing views on biblical eschatology (last things) in church literature.

Speaking of opinions that the pre-millennial view has not received adequate treatment in materials, Cothen said, "I suspect there is some justification in that point of view."

"However," he noted, "a view of eschatology affects one's entire view of scripture and space limitations in quarterlies present problems in covering alternative views thoroughly in a single lesson. The goal of the task force is to meet the needs of the major groups of Southern Baptists."

Reflecting on his eight years as president, Cothen said, "My heart is filled with rejoicing and gladness. We have not always agreed but that is part of being a Baptist."

"Another part of being a Baptist is that no person is permitted to thrust his faith upon another but each is accountable for himself before God. We have gotten things done because we are people of good will and people of Christ. We practice the Book as much

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Parks takes strong stand against Israel resolution

By Bob Stanley
RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Any Southern Baptist Convention resolution supporting the State of Israel will hinder the denomination's mission work both in the Middle East and other parts of the world, Keith Parks said.

Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said it is his "sincere prayer" that such a resolution will not be discussed on the floor of the SBC's annual meeting in Pittsburgh in June.

He made the statements at the board's February meeting a week after plans were announced at a Washington, D.C., prayer breakfast to reintroduce a pro-Israel resolution tabled by messengers at the 1981 New Orleans convention.

Maryland pastor Norris W. Sydnor Jr., resolutions committee chairman in New Orleans, told several hundred persons at the National Prayer Breakfast in Honor of Israel he will reintroduce the Israel resolution and predicted it will be adopted. The Roundtable, a new right group founded by Southern Baptist layman Edward E. McAteer of Memphis, Tenn., sponsored the breakfast.

In his February board report Parks elaborated on the potentially harmful effects of such a resolution. "Much attention is given in many countries, even in the secular press, when Christian groups speak on political matters," he said.

"It is not my intent to imply criticism of any who hold the opinions expressed in this resolution," Parks said. "There is nothing in my heart nor in this report that reflects negatively on the Jewish people."

But he said such a resolution "will cause us to be identified politically in such a way that would jeopardize permits to work and safety of Baptists (not just missionaries)" in many parts of the world.

Southern Baptists have 45 representatives who work with Baptists in Israel. But the denomination has many other missionaries or representatives

in pro-Arab parts of the Middle East and in other areas of the world where populations are predominantly Moslem.

Parks said the resolution violates the traditional Baptist principle of separation of church and state and also reflects an eschatological viewpoint (theological interpretation of end times) "that is not an agreed-upon belief among Southern Baptists."

The resolution represented in New Orleans included the statement that "God's prophetic program as presented in the scriptures includes the present State of Israel as part of God's completion of all things."

Parks said there is "a difference regarding eschatology among board members and staff, as well as missionaries and Southern Baptists in general. None of us has a right to impose that personal conviction upon all Southern Baptists or to imply that all Southern Baptists hold to the conviction that any individual may hold."

The latter statement stemmed from remarks Sydnor made as he presented a plaque engraved with the word of the pro-Israel resolution to the Israeli Consul-General in the United States at the prayer breakfast. Sydnor's wording implied the plaque was being presented "on behalf of 14 million Southern Baptists."

Parks said "multiplied millions in the Middle East as well as other parts of the world" would interpret such a resolution as implying opposition to their own people. "Understandably," he added, "they would be reluctant to welcome representatives whom they feel are enemies of their own government. Although this would not be true, we must never do or say anything that could be interpreted to imply this."

Other reports at the board meeting noted a record 140,844 baptisms last year in overseas churches related to Southern Baptist work and a five percent increase in membership. The 12,170 churches and 14,997 mission points have a total membership of 1.57

million and relief allocations last year totaled a record \$8 million.

Announcement was made of another major donation by a Richmond couple, J. Harwood and Louise Cochran, for the new Missionary Learning Center being built near Richmond. Their latest donation of land in metropolitan Richmond, estimated to be worth more than \$500,000, brings the Cochranes' total contributions to the center to about \$1.5 million.

More than \$10 million of the \$15 million required to build and operate the center now has been donated. Construction is expected to be completed by the summer of 1984.

The board's overseas committee (Continued on page 2)

Help wanted

The Foreign Mission Board has asked Mississippi Baptist laymen for assistance in the construction of a new church building near Cartago, Costa Rica. The church now has 70-80 persons in Sunday School and is meeting in a church member's warehouse. Materials have been purchased and are on the site.

The church can accommodate in homes, a team of 8-10 persons for the two week period of Mar. 26-Apr. 9. However, team members may select only one week if necessary.

Round trip air fare to San Jose is \$350 from N.O. Men will need experience in carpentry, general repair work, block laying, electrical work, or plumbing. A knowledge of Spanish would be helpful.

For additional information, contact the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood department in Jackson at 968-3800.

Evangelists making other evangelists

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Son, Jesus Christ."

Young noted that the Bible has Jesus giving the Great Commission five times, once each in the gospels, and once in Acts. "The Great Commission is about power," he said. "And Christians need that power to witness and live victoriously. However, he said, many live behind locked doors, much as the disciples did before Pentecost. Many pastors are afraid of the membership and live behind the locked doors of secular interests and of specialization. "We've lost the priority of evangelism," he said.

Junior Hill, evangelist from Hartselle, Ala., preached on the "best preacher" John the Baptist. Though he never did a miracle, he won people to Jesus Christ, said Hill. And though "you almost never get an honorary degree in the backwoods of Judea," said Hill, John the Baptist "knew who he was and where God wanted him to be."

Roy Fish, professor at Southwestern Seminary, listed reasons for equipping the laity for witnessing. There are "large numbers of lost persons who never attend worship services," he said, adding, "God's going to hold us accountable if most of our evangelism is building-centered evangelism." Then he asked, "How can we expect

large numbers of lost people to come when 50 percent of the members don't even come?"

Fish added that there are increasing numbers of laymen wanting to be equipped and laymen have unique opportunities for witnessing that preachers don't have.

In a short presentation on Continuing Witnessing Training, which readies Christians for a verbal witness, Kermit McGregor, pastor of Clinton's Morrison Heights Church, told of training going on in his church. He said during one witnessing session a teenager boy explained his feelings as he came to Christ. "Something was in there saying yes and something else saying no. It seemed like a big old fuss going on in there," McGregor quoted the boy as saying. McGregor added, "Romans 7 doesn't do any better than that."

In another short presentation on how to treat guest evangelists, Tom Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest Church, Jackson, quoted the Golden Rule and offered statistics of 23 revivals in his 19 years as pastor at Oak Forest. There were 12 revivals with non-full-time evangelists resulting in 88 baptisms. And there were 11 revivals with full-time evangelists resulting in 259 baptisms. He said the figures speaking for themselves as to the value of using full-time evangelists.

Confidence game takes money from church groups

A confidence man and his family have been traveling through Mississippi telling false stories and taking money from unsuspecting church members, according to some who have been involved.

About a month ago he visited churches in the Leake County area variously telling churches his wife was in an auto accident or that she had died in Texas and he needed money to get home.

The Leake sheriff's office picked him up and with several ministers, including Baptists, the man made a tearful profession of faith on the floor of the jailhouse. The ministers believed him and refused to press charges.

The man visited the Baptist Building in Jackson later, with a woman and child and armed with a new story and the name of a staffer who was out of the office.

He went a week ago to Baptist and Pentecostal churches just south of Jackson and one Baptist pastor checked out the man's story, finding it to be false. One Pentecostal church gave the man a \$300 offering.

Leake County officials gave the Baptist Record a description of the man. He is Roy Etheredge of Mobile, Ala. He is white, 5'11", 152 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes. He has a 1975 Ford (van) with Texas license PRW 212, registered to Pat Manchac of Kirbyville, Tex.

One pastor gave the man a hammer and told him if he wanted to work for his money, he could take down the church nativity scene. The man disappeared without doing the work.

Victims and others offer suggestions for response to such people who ask for money: check with other pastors in the area to see if the person is hitting several churches with requests; check out his story directly with phone calls; offer to take him to

Pollard accepts at Golden Gate

Frank Pollard, former pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, was elected unanimously Feb. 8 by trustees of Golden Gate Seminary to be its next president.

Pollard, currently pastor of First Church, San Antonio, told the Baptist Record last Friday that he had not determined exactly when he would begin work at the Mill Valley, Calif., campus. He did indicate he would probably begin work at Golden Gate in May.

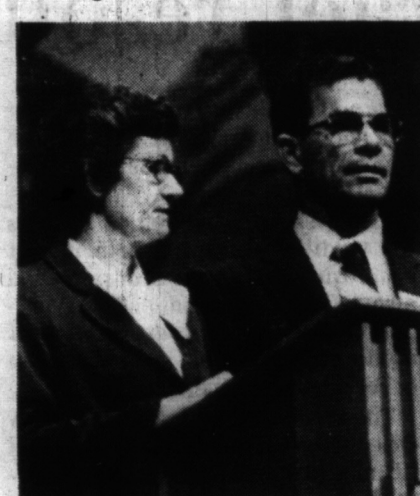
Pollard said in his talks with trustees, he sees the seminary "one of six operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, as having a "three pronged" approach to education. "It is a graduate school in theology, but it's more than that," he said. Students need "the practical experience in building churches and working in churches."

The third prong, says Pollard, is spiritual preparation. "We assume anybody coming to seminary is a spiritual giant. We need to make sure that they keep their walk with God up to date."

Pollard said he had talked with a number of faculty members and noted he'd "always had the feeling seminary faculty pay the biggest price of any group (working) in the convention."

As to current controversies in Southern Baptist circles concerning theological conservatism, Pollard said "I'm always wide open. We're there to be loyal to God's word and to building churches based on God's word."

He added, "as more and more of our critics learn what's being taught, there will be less and less (criticism)."



Martha and Dolton Haggan
Haggans resign

Dolton and Martha Haggan, missionaries to the Indians, working with the Mississippi Choctaws, have resigned, effective Mar. 31. The couple, both Mississippi natives, have been working with the Choctaws in the Philadelphia area since 1966. Both are Mississippi College graduates and he earned a degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has been pastor of Red Lick Church; Fellowship at Lorman; Macedonia at Louisville; and McAdams Church. She is a teacher in Philadelphia. Haggan said he will be available for pulp supply, and interim work. His home number is 656-4420.

Parks takes

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approved guidelines for medical work that underscore a trend toward a broader scope of health care such as preventative medicine and community health programs. The guidelines will not limit health care ministries (formerly called medical missions), says Franklin Fowler, the board's senior medical consultant. Instead, he said, they will permit expansion into such areas as private practice, nursing care and supplying personnel to national institutions.

(Stanley is FMB news director.)

capsules

Page to be chosen

One Royal Ambassador boy will be chosen to represent Mississippi as a page during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Each page will serve June 12, 16 and must be in grades 10-12 or may have graduated from high school in June, 1983. Pages must provide their own travel and must have earned at least two Ambassador Service Awards.

To apply, contact Jim Didlake, Royal Ambassador consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

Edwards indicted

Ricky Edwards, former pastor of Pass Road Baptist Church, Gulfport, has pled innocent after being indicted this week on felony cocaine conspiracy charges, according to a Jackson Clarion-Ledger story.

Edwards was charged in federal court Monday along with five others and held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Edwards was first arrested last Nov. 5 piloting a small plane from which authorities seized \$115,000 in cash, three handguns, and 800 rounds of ammunition.

Last month, Edwards said he would begin working in drug and alcohol rehabilitation in Hancock County.

The Clarion-Ledger story said others indicted were Donald R. Wease of Gulfport, Florida native Arthur Keith Smith, and two Columbians who jumped bail after being arrested with Edwards and Smith in November.

Inter-Lutheran group

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (EP)—The leaders of the churches participating in the Lutheran Council in the USA agreed in a meeting here Jan. 21 to a planning process for future inter-Lutheran cooperation.

The church leaders said in a statement that they expected all churches could deal with the recommendations coming out of the planning process by the 1986 general conventions of the churches.

Represented were the 2.7-million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in St. Louis; the 3-million-member Lutheran Church in America in New York; the 2.3-million-member American Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and the 110,000-member Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches located in St. Louis.

Humbard leaves

AKRON, Ohio (EP)—Rex Humbard retired this month as pastor of the Cathedral of Tomorrow in Akron, Ohio, but still will make weekly TV shows, his son says. Humbard, 63, last year celebrated his 50th anniversary in the ministry. Rex Humbard Jr. said his father will turn over the public to his assistant and brother-in-law, Wayne Jones, who has filled in since Humbard moved to Florida in 1980.

Wake Forest searches

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.—Wake Forest University has begun a search for a new president.

The committee is searching for a successor to James Ralph Scales, who has announced his retirement from the presidency. He has been president since 1967.

Applications and nominations should be sent to C. C. Hope, Jr. in care of First Union National Bank, Charlotte, N.C., 28288.

Year of Bible

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed 1983 as "The Year of the Bible" in the United States. During a National Prayer Breakfast in Washington.

"Inside (the Bible's) pages lie all the answers to all the problems man has ever known," Reagan told more than 3,000 persons from across the nation attending the annual event.

The President's action implemented Public Law 97-280: A joint resolution of Congress which passed each of the two houses in 1982 and was signed into law by Reagan Oct. 4, 1982.

The resolution authorizes and requests the President to "designate 1983 as a national 'Year of the Bible' in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures."

Cable porno fight

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (EP)—A Memphis group and a New York organization have joined forces for a coast-to-coast battle against pornography on cable TV.

The RoundTable, the Memphis-based Christian fundamentalist group, and Morality in Media Inc., a watchdog organization headquartered in New York, have formed an alliance "to increase public awareness about pornography and obscenity" and to try to influence states to pass tougher anti-porn legislation.

A major thrust of the coalition will be to interest states in passing some type of bill regulating the content of cable television.

Bartending cancelled

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (EP)—A bartending class taught at a local high school was canceled January 11 after local ministers uncorked a protest. The ministers wanted the Jefferson County school board to drop the courses because they thought the program encouraged drinking.

A school official said a similar flap occurred when a course in belly dancing was offered, but the protests died down when the course was renamed "Mid-Eastern Dance."

Injunction ordered

WASHINGTON (EP)—A Supreme Court justice on Feb. 2 ordered a halt, at least temporarily, to state-sponsored prayer sessions in Alabama public schools. Justice Lewis F. Powell set aside the effect of a federal judge's order that had allowed such school prayer. In the same order, Justice Powell reinstated a previous injunction outlawing the prayer sessions.

Victim wins church

OCALA, Fla. (EP)—Georgia Anne Clark bought a church here January 27, continuing a feud that started in 1975.

Her \$2,500 bid was the only one for the 32-member Mount Sinai House of Prayer Apostolic Faith Church. A sheriff's sale was held because the church couldn't pay \$35,000 in damages. The damages were awarded to Clark, 24, after a motorcycle she was riding collided with an uninsured church-owned car.

Scriptures disbursed

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board distributed more than 6.5 million copies of scripture during 1982, a 23 percent increase over the previous year, reported M. Wendell Belew, director of the HMB's missions ministries division.

The HMB distributed 6,532,244 pieces of scripture during 1982, exceeding the 1981 total of 5.27 million. The scriptures, which were provided to missionaries either free or at a nominal charge, included Bibles, New Testaments, books of the Bible and excerpts from Bible passages, and scriptures in 11 languages.

Belew said Baptist Ministries at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., where more than one million scriptures were distributed, accounted for some of the year's increase.

Heart disease killer

DALLAS (BP)—Heart disease and cancer were the leading killers in 1982 of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational personnel, according to statistics released by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Of 317 deaths reported to the Annuity Board in 1982, 70 percent were attributed to heart-related illnesses (155) and cancer (68). Both categories reflected one percent increases of 1981 figures.

The totals reflect deaths of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees who participated in the Annuity Board retirement program. One hundred and twenty-six died in active service, while 191 persons died in retirement.

Pope signs code

VATICAN CITY (DP)—Pope John Paul II signed and promulgated a revised code of canon law Jan. 25, that will affect the lives of all Roman Catholics. The document, the first complete revision of the church's legal code in 66 years, is simpler and 25 percent shorter.

The revised code repeals the simplified marriage annulment process in effect in the United States and Australia since 1970 and reinstates the requirement that all annulments by a marriage court must be reviewed by an appeals panel.

It reduces from 37 to six the grounds for automatic excommunication. The six are moral and physical involvement with an abortion, desecration of the Eucharist, physical violence against the pope, violation by a priest of the secrecy of the confessional, consecration of a bishop without papal mandate, and abuse by a priest of the power of absolution.

Former cultist sues

SANTA ANA, Calif. (EP)—A California woman is asking \$16 million damages from the Hare Krishna movement, claiming she was brainwashed nine years ago and that the ordeal killed her father who died of a stroke. Robin George, 23, says she was held against her will when she tried to leave the Krishnas after a year-long encounter.

Her lawyer, Milton Silverman, says the case raises landmark issues of religious freedom and "the freedom of families to raise their children." Narayan Das, attorney for the 500,000-member Hare Krishna Society, calls it religious persecution.



Basketball team, left to right: front row—Keith Cating (coach), Ron Falvey, Mike Sibley, Scott Corlin, Rusty Garvin; back row—Mike Funderburk, Sam Lee, Brian Ladner, Brian White, Johnny Pope.

Basketball team will play in South America

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basketball team and played four years in high school.

Carlin is a member of the First Church of Glendale at Hattiesburg. He is six feet tall and weighs 165 pounds. He is not married.

Brian Ladner, 23, is now a student at the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg. Before enrolling at the University of Southern Mississippi he was a student at Pearl River Junior College at Poplarville, and played basketball there for two years. He also played basketball for four years in high school.

Ladner is a member of Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. He is six feet, six inches tall and weighs 215 pounds. He is not married.

Michael Funderburk, 20, is a student at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and has played basketball there for two years. He also played four years in high school in his hometown of Hattiesburg. He is not married. He is six feet, six inches tall and weighs 215 pounds.

Funderburk is a member of First Church of Glendale.

Johnny Pope, 23, is a student at the University of Mississippi School of Law at Oxford. He does not play basketball for the University of Mississippi but has played intermural basketball for five years while he has been in college. He played one year in high school. He is a member of the Clear Creek Church at Oxford and is not married.

Pope is six feet, four inches tall and weighs 200 pounds.

Rusty Garvin, 21, had to drop out of college due to his father's illness and now works for Road Builders Equipment Company of Iuka. He attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College and played basketball there. He also played four years at Burnsville, Mississippi High School and continues to play in a league. He is married and is a member of Yellow Creek Church near Iuka.

Garvin is six feet, one-half inches tall and weighs 185 pounds.

Sam Lee, 23, lives in Clinton and attends the Mississippi College School of Law, which is in Jackson. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and played basketball there for four years. He also played in high school for four years. He attends Alta Woods Church in Jackson.

Lee is not married and is six feet, five inches tall and weighs 190 pounds.

Keith Cating, 33, is the player-coach of the Mississippi Baptist team. He lives at Oxford, and is the director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Mississippi. He is a graduate of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La., but did not play basketball there. He was injured and not able to play. He played one year in high school in Lake Charles. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, where he earned the master of divinity degree. He is a member of First Church, Oxford.

While he was in Texas Cating helped to organize a similar team that has made five trips to Brazil. He made two of the trips. He is not married.

Cating is six feet, two and one-half inches tall and weighs 195 pounds.

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Editorials

by don mcgregor

Only the track owners win

A bill that would legalize pari-mutuel gambling in Jackson County has been filed in the Mississippi House of Representatives. It is House Bill 717, a number that it would be well to remember. Ted Millette, a Jackson County representative filed the bill.

It is interesting to note that the other four Jackson County representatives are against the bill. Millette filed the same bill last year, except that he had more counties included in the possibilities. Therefore he had more opposition. The other four Jackson County representatives were against the bill last year, too; and it finally was defeated in the House. It got out of the Ways and Means Committee.

Hopefully, those representatives who didn't want pari-mutuel gambling in their counties last year will come to the aid of the four from Jackson County who don't want it now.

Whether or not the members of the House take up the banner, however, doesn't relieve Mississippi Baptists of the responsibility of action. We need to be in touch with representatives from all over the state to be sure they understand how insidious and deceptive gambling interests can be. Some time has been bought for us. This year the pari-mutuel gambling bill has been declared a revenue bill, because it generates a small amount of tax revenue; and that means that the deadline has been extended for consideration of the bill until March 3. That

doesn't mean that it won't be considered until March 3. It means that it dies if not considered before that day ends. It could be considered next week. Being a revenue bill also means that it requires a three-fifths vote on the floor of the House rather than a simple majority. That could help. It means that out of 122 votes it would take 73 to pass rather than 62. That's not a great deal of difference, but it could be significant.

So much for the mechanics of the bill. Why should we oppose it? Gambling is supposed to bring in some money for the county treasury, and money is always a usable commodity.

Initially, what should quicken the interest of the citizens and officials of surrounding counties is that the proponents of gambling in Jackson County would be hoping that most of the tax money generated would come from outside their county. That's the whole point. The idea is to get something for as near nothing as possible by taking it from other than their own.

A portion of the tax revenue would be expected to grace the state coffers as well. The only way to get much of an idea of how that works is to look at other states that have pari-mutuel gambling. Louisiana has had to increase its bite over the last few years. In 1975 Louisiana took in \$10,260,000 from pari-mutuel sources (at least two tracks) to be applied on a total revenue

of \$3,765,000,000. That amounts of 27 hundredths of one percent from gambling. In 1979 Louisiana took on \$17,817,630 from gambling on a total revenue of \$4,588,980,000. That is still only 39 hundredths of one percent.

New Mexico, on the other hand, has not increased its cut from the gambling revenues in that same four-year period. In 1975 the gambling portion was \$2,120,000 of a total revenue of \$1,264,000,000. That is 17 hundredths of one percent. By 1979 New Mexico had increased its portion to \$3,126,786 and had its revenue pegged at \$1,847,066,000. That's 17 hundredths of one percent also.

Arkansas also increased its tax bite during the four-year period. In 1975 Arkansas took in \$5,630,000 in gambling taxes. Total revenue was \$1,607,000,000. That is 35 hundredths of one percent. In 1979 Arkansas' gambling take for taxes was \$8,579,834. The total revenue for the state was \$1,967,915,000. That is 44 hundredths of one percent.

So what seems like big bucks turns into a somewhat piddling amount. We could raise \$20 million if each of our 2 million citizens paid only \$10 per year more in taxes. And how much better off everyone would be! There is no telling how much money a person would have to lose at the track for the state to get \$10 in taxes from his losses.

The deceptive story of tax income is only a small part of the gambling story. Readers can get information

from the guest editorial on this page in order to better understand how this thing is a creeping evil that continues to get bigger once the foot is in the door.

Additionally, news clippings from the files of the Baptist Record point out how the big money that floats around gambling establishments attracts prostitutes and how, indeed, gambling is a "devastating illness that's ruining a million American lives" (Associated Press).

Then it is known that the taxes provided by pari-mutuel gambling do not pay for the increased expenditures that are necessary in law enforcement and other areas, and gambling establishments are a threat to local businesses. And what the bettor needs to know is that the system cheats. It is stacked against him. There have to be more losers than winners, or the system is a failure.

There is no way that pari-mutuel gambling can be made attractive. Horses can be raced at will now, but to bet on the outcome is illegal. There are those who are asking that we take something illegal and declare that it is legal. And when we do, those people are going to get most of the money.

Our legislators need to be contacted immediately. This bill needs to be stopped again. It should be stopped in the Ways and Means Committee, where it is now.

God and Creation



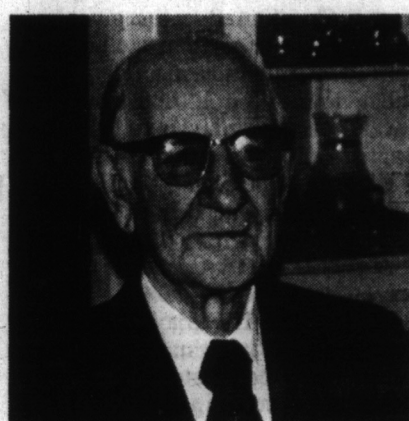
A REASONING BEING WOULD LOSE HIS REASON IN ATTEMPTING TO ACCOUNT FOR THE GREAT PHENOMENA OF NATURE, HAD HE NOT A SUPREME BEING TO REFER TO"
—GEORGE WASHINGTON

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

65th anniversary

On Dec. 30, Dewey Metts, age 84, took note of an anniversary. Now retired and living in Ocean Springs, he was ordained to the gospel ministry 65 years ago at New Hope Baptist Church in his native Lafayette County. His father, M. F. Metts, was ordained at New Hope 97 years ago (1886) and was a pastor over 50 years. Two of Dewey's brother, Ira F. and James Marvin, were preachers, too. That one family's sermons have been coming across Mississippi pulpits for nearly 100 years!



Dewey Metts

One Friday I drove to Ocean Springs. While Brother Dewey and I were eating an oyster lunch in a restaurant by the sea, he told me about some of his experiences as a minister.

Many of his pastorates, especially the earlier ones, were in country churches, but his longest was in Memphis at Mallory Heights Baptist Church. When he went there the congregation had been worshipping for about 25 years in a dungeon-like basement; he led them to build a sanctuary and education building. Though there were 700 names on the church roll, only about 100 were attending. Metts' well-advertised roll call "found" 400 more.

While at Main Street, Goodman, 1970 to 1976, he also was BSU director at Holmes County Junior College. He recalls "One of the best times in Goodman was when Jimmie Smith, then at Mendenhall, preached the spring BSU revival. We had 89 decisions in one night—50% of them professions of faith. The meeting went on that night until 1 a.m." Many of those with whom Metts counseled at Holmes JC are serving in church vocations today.

His other pastorates were Union West, Clear Creek, Taylor, and Abbeville (Lafayette); Sherman and Guntown (Lee); Blue Springs (Union Co.); Good Hope and Pilgrim's Rest (Panola); Derma and First, Vardaman (Calhoun); Woodland (Chickasaw); Toccoola (Pontotoc); Maben (Oktibbeha); Mathiston (Webster); and interim at Immanuel and Lyman (Gulf Coast).

The high point in his spiritual ministry came in 1936, he remembers, while he was preaching for a revival at Pine Grove Church in Tippah County. Forty-five made professions of faith, 19 on Friday night, one of them an 83-year-old man.

(I've heard some wild tales about the rough characters who lived in north Mississippi in those days. At least one preacher—not Metts—kept a loaded six-shooter on the pulpit to be ready for the ruffians who rode around the church on horseback during services, firing their guns.)

Early in the week at Pine Grove, Metts saw an old man walking down

the road alone and asked who he was. "He's spent most of his life in Parchman—for making moonshine liquor—and he's been in the church maybe three or four times." In fact, he was the father of the deacon in whose home the preacher was staying.

Somehow Metts was convinced that he must go and talk to that old man. Thursday he told the deacons, "Pray for me tomorrow at 3. I'll be going to see Mr. —."

"Oh, no! Don't go," they advised. "He'll just cuss you out." But he went. The old man's wife was washing clothes in a back yard tub, scrubbing them on a rub board. The old man was in bed, but he called out, "Come on in! I've been hearing about you." And when the preacher read some Scripture verses and explained the plan of salvation, he accepted the terms and got up out of bed and asked, "What do I do now?"

"Well, going to church doesn't save anybody, but as a new Christian you'd want to go there and profess your faith publicly, and be baptized."

That night Metts reserved a chair down front for the man, who slipped in through a side door during a hymn; unnoticed by most of the congregation. When the invitation song came and that old man stood up and took the preacher's hand, that was one shocked bunch—albeit joyous. An overflow crowd stood outside the building. The old man's deacon son was standing inside, by a window. His brother, a self-proclaimed atheist, standing outside, asked, "Who's that down front?"

"That's Paw," the deacon answered.

"Well, if Paw can believe, I can, too." And he climbed through the window and came to make his profession of faith. The next Sunday Metts and his wife, Jeannette, drove 45 miles to see that baptismal service in a stock pond. Forty-seven years later, he said, "I would not have missed it for anything."

(Continued next week)

Everything worthwhile has a fence around it, but there is always a gate and a key.

Men never plan to be failures; they simply fail to plan to be successful.

Book Reviews

ALASKA, by Paul Bills (Radiant Books, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., 159 pp., \$2.50) This is a missionary story—the story of a Pentecostal missionary who spent 20 years of his life in Alaska, north of the Yukon. His vivid and detailed descriptions of life in that rugged land in the 1950s and 1960s in itself makes the book worth reading—for he tells of the weather and the animals, and the customs of people, as well as of the churches he served. From Beaver to Barrow to Nome, he ministered to people spiritually and physically. His stories blend humor and pathos. The last chapter, "You Can't Cry Forever," was written while he was suffering from lateral sclerosis—which led to his premature death. His tombstone on the frozen tundra at Barrow is a reminder of his love and compassion for the people of the far north, and his book is a worthwhile and stirring legacy for anyone who will take the time to read it.—AWM

Guest opinion . . .

Questions on pari-mutuel gambling

By Paul Jones

Again, as in past years, a piece of special interest legislation has been introduced in the Mississippi House of Representatives which would, if passed, begin the process of legalizing pari-mutuel gambling in our state. The proponents of House Bill 717 are attempting to pass this off as a bill to permit horse racing. But the bill would not accomplish that since there is presently no law against the racing of horses in Mississippi. The issue is not the racing of horses but the legalization of gambling.

Perhaps it is time that some of the main reasons given by the advocates of pari-mutuel gambling be addressed. Someone might ask, "Doesn't legalized gambling bring a lot of money in terms of taxes and tourism?" The fact is that pari-mutuel gambling produces disappointing revenues for the state or for the counties. Tourism is supposed to increase with gambling; but it seldom does since most races are attended mostly by local citizens who cross no more than one or two county lines, if any, to get to the race. In every state that has legalized pari-mutuel gambling, gambling and horse racing produces less than 1 percent of the state revenue. Furthermore, having gambling as a tax source has not done away with a single tax anywhere. Any voter who believes that he will decrease his taxes by favoring pari-mutuel gambling has not studied the issue that has been faced by other states since the

legalization of pari-mutuel gambling.

It also might be asked, "Won't the racing business help the economy?" Pari-mutuel gambling is itself a gamble. Building and running a racetrack is a business risk. Some are fairly successful. Many are in great danger of going under. Tracks have considerable problems; including the fact that the amount of money bet over the past several years has not kept up with inflation, money is scarce, and competition for the dollar is keen. One way of attempting to solve this problem is to increase considerably the number of legal racing days. The fact is that in many cases the racing days have reached the saturation point. There comes into play the law of diminishing returns where adding more races does not increase the number of people who come or the amount of money they have available to bet. Moreover, there are only so many thoroughbred horses, and only thoroughbred horses that are registered with the American Thoroughbred Racing Association may race. The result is that either the horses are over-raced or bogus horses are substituted. There is no particular gain for the local community in terms of jobs or businesses with the track. All equipment is leased from the American Totalizer Company and the jobs go to nomads who follow the track season.

A third question, "But isn't racing good for other businesses, also?" The fact is that the racing season hurts businesses. Local businesses suffer

the loss of sales, job absenteeism, defaults on installment payments, and an increase in crimes of various sorts. Those who are interested in attracting industry into the state will discover that having pari-mutuel gambling in the state has a negative impact in their recruiting efforts. Where there is a loss in business, there is a corresponding loss in sales tax revenue and various other business-related taxes. Optimistically, there might be seven or eight million dollars gained in taxes from gambling, but more than \$30 million will be lost in anticipated business costs—not a favorable gamble for the businessman.

Another question that is, "Oh, but people will be gambling anyway, so why not control it and tax it?" Pari-mutuel gambling taxes are regressive. If people who have the most money pay a larger share of the tax, that is called a progressive tax. If everybody pays the same proportion, that is called a proportionate tax. If people who have the least money pay a larger percentage of tax, that is a regressive tax. This is exactly what happened when gambling is taxed. People who are less able are the ones who lose a higher percentage of their income at racetracks. Therefore, it can be seen that pari-mutuel gambling is an inefficient means of taxing people because not everyone goes to racetracks to gamble on the races.

And it is also asked, "But it doesn't hurt anyone, does it?" Yes, it does! It can be shown that pari-mutuel gambling

has a definite negative impact. Studies indicate that during the racing season there is an increase in divorce and separation, an increase in money disagreement between husbands and wives, more misunderstanding between spouses, more discipline problems with the children of gamblers, greater absenteeism and tardiness at work, one-third more change of address by debtors, and a direct increase of alcohol consumption according to the level of betting.

Finally, some would ask, "Why not let the people in specific counties decide if they want to gamble; that's not voting for gambling across the state but just giving the people the right to decide." If the legislature approves a county referendum on racetrack gambling, it has, in fact, legalized gambling in all of Mississippi. It would be a simple matter for other counties to insert into the statutes in subsequent years their counties and thus allow for local election to determine the possibility of gambling. But pari-mutuel gambling is not a local option question because businesses and families in counties next to a gambling county are hurt. The upkeep on roads, increased law enforcement, and the removal of available money to purchase real goods and services from one county to the county of pari-mutuel gambling speaks against the issue being an issue of local option.

Paul Jones is executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.

Letters to the Editor

No honor among thieves

Editor: I worry about my two daughters growing up in a society where human values have degenerated until there is no idealism, no honor, even among thieves.

How can I teach them that the family still has value and that purity is still a virtue. I want them to treasure things that I treasure, feel things that I feel. I want them to see God in everything and realize that apart from God, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit."

I want them to grow emotionally as well as physically and intellectually. I hate the cruelty between children and also between adults. I hate this com-

petitive society where you can't even play a game just for the fun of playing without keeping a tally of the score so there is a winner and a loser.

The sport of today's world is not sport. It is strictly business, even in schools. It brings in money.

A child can't play for fun. He must play to win.

I wish my little girls could go to a school where there was no fadism, no snobism, and all the other isms that make just living and being happy impossible. They have to compete at everything.

S. J. Culbreath
Coldwater

The "long, green" corn patch

Editor: I must oppose most of the new proposed liquor laws for the same reason my papa was against letting his mules graze in his corn patch in July: there was (and is) too much temptation from the "long green." None of these proposed laws provide for the accounting of fines collected.

It has been my experience that men operating under the influence of money are about as dangerous as those DUI of liquor. Two years ago I was in traffic court to face a charge of an expired safety sticker. My case was near the end of the day, and I was able to see an unbelievable amount of money paid in fines, yet there seemed to have been no control over the disposition of the money. Fines of \$300 for DUI; \$50 to \$100 for various and sundry crimes; \$30 for expired license plates, etc.

One case was rather pathetic: an old black man, crippled, was accused of DUI, apparently not his first. In a case like this Solomon would have taken the

man's license and, in the same sentence, have him move to a location nearer his social life. However, Solomon wasn't on the bench that day so the judge admonished the man, saying, "You had better get the money here on the same day you get your Social Security check!" The mules are loose in the corn patch!

There are other examples: patrol cars, rather than patrolling their beat, can be seen instead parked short distances from honky tonks, awaiting a valuable DUI apprehension. Certain alcoholics are routinely apprehended, sometimes for just walking down the street. There may be others.

Now (before my preacher excommunicates me!) let me say I am in favor of higher drinking ages and of penalties to enforce such a law. But again, let's not let the mules in the long green corn patch without a muzzle.

Perhaps one disposition would be for the fines—or a part thereof—to be used in a fund to rehabilitate victims (or for funeral expenses) of drunk drivers, since usually the driver is in jail and unable to help.

Just a thought.
Name withheld by editor
A part of the tax on the sale of liquor is used in rehabilitation.—Editor

Protest woman deacon

Editor: Because of our love for our Saviour and the word which he committed unto the church, my wife and I must protest the action of a church in Mississippi which ordained a woman deacon.

This action is contrary to the entire theme of the man-woman relationship to Jesus Christ presented from Genesis to Revelation. Neither does it comply with the qualification of

deacon in I Tim. 3:1-14, especially verse 12. Neither does it comply with I Tim. 2:12, since as a deacon she would usurp authority over men.

It is very hard for us to believe that a solid, grounded in the faith Baptist pastor would boldly announce that there is no scripture which forbade such action.

Our prayer is that those involved will repent before God of their sins, and other born again Christians will stand-up and contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Hopefully maybe you will print this letter.

Gary Medley
Judy Medley
Booneville

Religious Liberty Sunday

Editor: The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was greatly encouraged that twice the number of churches observed Religious Liberty Day last year than the previous year. Fortunately, we anticipated some increase and produced materials enough to meet all requests.

Our 1983 theme, *Faith Freely Exercised*, encourages churches to worship and witness in the awareness that religious liberty is a Constitutional guarantee Baptists have committed themselves to preserve, along with the functional separation of church and state.

Materials are being prepared to assist churches make this occasion worshipful and meaningful. Share our sense of stewardship and our concern to serve every congregation that calls upon us by ordering in advance the packet and attractive poster. The materials will be sent without charge

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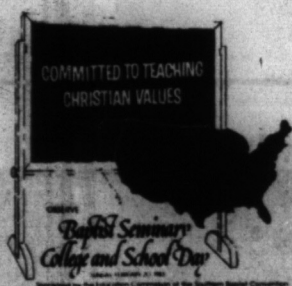
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BEAM

Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi

Christian higher education promoted through Mississippi Baptist churches

Baptist churches in Mississippi will be joining with others throughout the Southern Baptist Convention on Sunday, Feb. 20, as special emphasis is placed on Christian higher education around the adopted theme of "Committed to Teaching Christian Values."

Sponsored by the Education Commission of the SBC and endorsed by the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the designated Sunday will give state churches the opportunity of recognizing the higher education contributions of the four Baptist supported colleges in the state—Blue Mountain, Clarke, Mississippi College, and William Carey.

The annual emphasis on Baptists' work in Christian education gives local churches the opportunity to acquaint church members, especially young people in the church family, with the various programs and offerings of the Baptist colleges.

Materials concerning Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day have been distributed to Southern Baptist churches in the state and throughout the country by the SBC Education Commission. The packet contains posters and statistical information useful in telling the story of Christian higher education as promoted by Baptists. There is also a brochure on financial aid tips.

In order to put additional emphasis on the four Baptist colleges located in Mississippi, the BEAM Education Commission and the organization known as Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi (BEAM) teamed up several years ago to provide Mississippi Baptists with additional information concerning their own institutions. In lieu of individual packets from the schools, BEAM members are using the pages of the *Baptist Record* to inform state Baptists of their programs.

"The four Baptist colleges have al-

ways used the pages of the *Baptist Record* in telling the story of their particular institution, but now through BEAM they can jointly tell the story of Christian higher education with all institutions receiving equal play and promoting Christian education in general," said Evelyn Williams, BEAM president and director of financial aid at Clarke College.

"Representatives from the four Baptist colleges have been meeting quarterly in an effort to better coordinate special programs concerning Christian higher education and in letting students know what is available at our denominational schools," said Williams.

A number of suggestions have been made to the churches as to how best observe Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day. A special worship service, using Baptist students or graduates, would help church members become more aware of the vital part these young people are playing in helping shape tomorrow's world.

Other suggestions include the use of material furnished by the SBC for use in special displays; the use of Sunday School assemblies in emphasizing the important ministries and opportunities offered by the Baptist colleges, sponsoring a lunch or dinner for high school students and their parents to better acquaint them with the Baptist colleges; use of the church library in providing materials on the four Baptist colleges; and a visit to one, or all four, campuses by high school students in the church.

Mississippi's four Baptist supported colleges are part of a network of some 72 Baptist seminaries, colleges and schools located throughout the country, each unique but all sharing the commitment Southern Baptist institutions have in teaching of Christian values.

"When Southern Baptist schools were established, their ultimate goal was to provide quality Christian edu-

cation and that goal still exists today," said Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the SBC.

"The special day this year will help us focus on the more than 6,000 teachers and administrators in the

educational institutions of the Convention. These are men and women who are committed to teaching Christian values," Walker added.

"Presently, these dedicated professors and administrators are helping to

transmit these Christian values to more than 176,000 students. Almost 24,000 of these are taking courses to prepare themselves for a church-related vocation and last year over 3,000 students in Baptist schools felt they were led to become home and

foreign missions volunteers," said Walker.

Walker stressed the partnership which the local church shares with the Baptist colleges of the state, a partnership committed to teaching Christian values.

Organized in 1978

BEAM emphasizes cooperation

Recognizing the need for a joint cooperative effort in promoting Christian higher education in Mississippi, representatives from the four Baptist colleges of the state came together at Mississippi College in early 1978 to form Baptist Education Advancement in Mississippi (BEAM).

The representatives met to discuss the joint cooperation of the institutions in areas of recruitment, public relations, development, alumni involvement and other ventures. Following the selection of a name and the election of a slate of officers, the organization held its first official meeting at Blue Mountain College in April, 1978.

The charter president of the group was Mrs. Marjorie Rowden Kelly, former vice-president for public relations and alumni at William Carey College. She was succeeded by James Bryant, former director of development at Blue Mountain, while Norman H. Gough, director of public relations at Mississippi College, served as president until November, 1982. The current president is Mrs. Evelyn Williams, director of financial aid at Clarke College.

BEAM leaders felt a closer relationship among the four Baptist colleges, plus cooperation in some joint undertakings, would enhance the opportu-

ity of informing more people concerning the value of a Christian education. BEAM members also thought there should be a closer relationship between BEAM and the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

BEAM and the Education Commission are now working jointly in a

number of areas and the chairman of the Commission, or someone appointed by him, is in attendance at all BEAM meetings. In addition to combining efforts to promote Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day on Feb. 20, the two organizations are also working together on student recruitment and in the promotion of Christian higher education in general.

BEAM members sponsor a joint booth at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly each summer, exhibit together at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, provide media spots promoting Christian higher education, work together in securing names of prospective students from the churches of the state, and share ideas and join hands in many other projects.

You must apply

Financial aid available in many different forms

Blue Mountain College

The purpose of financial aid at Blue Mountain College is to provide assistance to qualified students who find it difficult or impossible to attend Blue Mountain College without aid.

Blue Mountain College offers numerous scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,250 each year. Students who wish to apply for scholarships should request application forms from the admissions office at BMC. Scholarship awards are based on factors such as academic achievement, need, and student involvement, or stipulations made by donors.

Blue Mountain College participates in all federal aid programs for undergraduates including: Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loan, College Work Study, Guaranteed, and Parent Loans for Undergraduate Programs, as well as the Mississippi State Student Incentive Grant program. In addition to these programs, institutional work and special aid programs are offered through the college.

To apply for Financial Aid:

1. Secure and complete the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Form (CSS-FAF) and mail with required fee to the College Scholarship Service. Students whose forms are received by Apr. 1 are given priority for aid for the following fall and spring semesters.

2. Submit the Blue Mountain College financial aid scholarship applications to the office of the president by Mar. 15. Special scholarship applications should be completed for the Malott Scholarship and these applications are also available through the admissions office.

3. Student must have applied for admission before any aid award can be made to the student.

Student will be notified by mail of their status for aid as soon as federal funds are available and student applications are processed... usually in June. All undergraduate students seeking federal financial aid at Blue Mountain College are required to apply for the Pell Grant.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:
Director of Financial Aid
Blue Mountain College
P. O. Box 267
Blue Mountain, Miss., 38610
Phone (601) 685-4771

Clarke College

Clarke College offers a wide range of scholarships and financial assistance to students who wish to attend. Scholarships range from \$100 to \$500 each and are renewable to students based on academic standing.

Clarke College participates in all federal aid programs which include: College Work Study, Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and National Direct Student Loans, Guaranteed Student Loans, and Parent Loan for Undergraduates. Special assistance programs such as ministerial aid are also available to those who qualify.

To apply for financial aid:

1. Secure an application for Financial Assistance from the Director of

Financial Aid. Complete and return the application to the Financial Aid Office, P. O. Box 440, Newton, Miss., 39345.

2. Secure a Financial Aid Form either from the Financial Aid Office at Clarke College or your school counselor. Forward completed FAF together with your check for \$6.50 to the College Scholarship Service, P. O. Box 2700, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

3. File with College Scholarship Service the Financial Aid Form at least six weeks prior to the beginning of term or semester you wish to attend. The Financial Aid Form is required for assistance under any Federal Program and those who show need are given preference in Institutional Work Assignments.

4. Completed applications received by the Director of Financial Aid before Apr. 1 will receive preference when awards are made. (Results for CSS take approximately four weeks to be received by the college.)

Students will be notified by mail of the status of their application as soon as federal funds are available and application is processed... usually in June.

All undergraduate students seeking aid through Clarke College must apply for Pell Grant.

For further information contact:
Director of Financial Aid
Clarke College
Newton, Miss., 39345
Phone: (601) 683-2061

Mississippi College

Mississippi College offers a wide range of scholarships to qualified students. Seventy-five scholarships are offered each year to high school seniors based on academic and personal achievement. Those who ranked in the upper 10 percent of the College's ACT norms (composite of 28 or better) are invited to apply. Presidential scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 are awarded on an annual basis and may be renewed over a four-year period dependent upon the student's maintaining a high level of scholastic progress and contribution to Mississippi College. Many other scholarships are offered through special programs. When a student applies for financial assistance, he is considered for any of these scholarships that are appropriate to his needs.

Mississippi College also participates in the six federal aid programs, including: Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, National Direct Student Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan, College Work Study, and Parent Loan for Undergraduates.

Special assistance to ministerial students and nursing students is also available to qualified individuals.

To apply for financial aid:

1. Secure an application for financial assistance from the Director of Financial Aid. Complete and return the application to the Financial Aid Office, P. O. Box 4066, Clinton, Miss. 39058.

2. Secure Financial Aid Form either from the Financial Aid Office at Mississippi College or your school counselor. Forward completed FAF together with your check for \$6.50 to the College Scholarship Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

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Further information may be obtained by contacting:
Director of Financial Aid
Mississippi College
P. O. Box 4066
Clinton, Miss., 39058

William Carey College

The belief that no student should be denied an education because of financial need is the cornerstone of the student financial aid program at William Carey. Upon this cornerstone is built a foundation of financial opportunities which include grants, loans, part-time employment, and scholarships. This foundation supports William Carey's desire to provide educational opportunities for all qualified people.

William Carey participates in the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Nursing Scholarship Grant, National Direct Student Loan, Nursing Student Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan, and College Work Study Programs.

Scholarships are available which range in amount from \$200 to \$3,000. Factors such as class rank, grade point, CT scores and school involvement are usually considered.

To apply for financial aid:

1. Complete the William Carey College Financial Aid Application and mail to Financial Aid Office, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

2. Complete the College Scholarship Service's Financial Aid Form (FAF) and mail with the appropriate fee.

3. Priority filing date for students seeking aid during the fall and spring semesters is by Apr. 1.

By properly completing the appropriate financial aid form, students will automatically be considered for the Pell Grant.

Other awards will then be made based upon the preferences listed on the WCC application. The WCC financial aid office will follow federal guidelines with students having the greatest need being given priority for aid awards. Selection of students also depends upon the guidelines of each individual aid program and the availability of funds. Scholarships are given based on academic ability or performance.

For further information contact:
Director of Financial Aid
William Carey College
Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401

You can afford a Baptist college

Probably the most asked question faced by a Baptist college admissions officer is, "How can I afford to attend a Baptist college where tuition costs are higher than those at state-supported schools?" Students and prospective students are continually subjected to dismal reports about rising tuition rates and

reduced federal aid. Although private schools will feel the cutbacks to some extent, financial aid will still be available to most who need it.

Despite federal aid reductions, there is a bright spot on the horizon as Southern Baptist colleges are finding ways to help students wishing to attend Christian institutions.

The survey, "Recent Trends in Financial Aid to Students Attending Independent Colleges and Universities," by the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities (NIICU) has shown a major increase in institutional need-based aid.

Such reports make it easier for financial aid officers to be encouraging to students who desperately need aid in order to attend a Baptist college.

I recall a discussion with a young man in my office who had just completed a conference with our admissions director. He wanted very much to attend a Baptist school but finances were a problem. In talking with him, it was evident that he was sincere in his desire to attend. "Is there any way?" he asked, to which I replied, "Yes, but it will require action on your part."

The first step in the financial aid process is to file a need analysis form, of which there are many versions. Many schools accept more than one type while several schools accept only one. You should check with the institution and be assured that you are filing the proper form.

The need analysis determines a family contribution based upon parents' resources and assets and the student's resources and assets. Regardless of where you attend school, a family contribution will be expected.

You will probably have a greater need in attending a Baptist school, and this is where financial aid comes into focus. Financial aid can fill the gap between the family contribution and the cost of attendance.

Explore the types of aid available at Baptist colleges. There are Pell Grants (formerly B.E.O.G.), state grants, low

interest loans, campus employment, need-based scholarships, merit scholarships, athletic grants-in-aid and more.

The money from federal financial aid goes directly to students, thus, there is no conflict in the principle of church and state.

The next step in the financial aid process is to file an institutional application for admissions and an application for aid. Many schools require a student to be accepted for admission before any consideration for financial aid will be given.

With these steps completed, the financial aid office will review your file and indicate if you are eligible for financial aid. If you do qualify, an award letter indicating the type of aid you can receive will be mailed to you.

The young man to whom I referred earlier graduated from our school and is now active in his community and church. His next door neighbor began college at the same time, but attended a state institution. When fathers were comparing costs and expenses after the two had graduated, the father of the man attending the state school discovered he had spent more money over the four-year period than was spent by the student attending the church-related college. Obviously this would not always be the case as there are variables to consider.

As the young man above discovered, financial aid is available to those who need it. Your Baptist college has much to offer academically, spiritually and financially. Examine the quality of education and social life at your Baptist school. The administration, faculty and staff at all of our Southern Baptist schools will be interested in you as an important individual. Southern Baptist schools are worth the cost.

YOU CAN AFFORD A BAPTIST COLLEGE!

By Don Morris
Director of Financial Aid
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Jackson, Tennessee

Financial Aid Tips

1. Start early. Contact the financial aid office as soon as you have decided upon a college and ask them for all forms and information about grants, loans, jobs and institutional scholarships.
2. Check all sources. Be sure to check with your high school guidance counselor, your state Baptist convention office, your pastor, local church and other sources for all financial aid opportunities that might offer or have been offered.
3. Ask about special programs. Many Baptist colleges offer special financial aid programs to sons and daughters of Baptist ministers and to students preparing for church-related vocations. Also, special scholarships are sometimes available for sons and daughters. Check with the school's financial aid office.

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COMMITTED TO TEACHING CHRISTIAN VALUES

Tuten outlines reasons Christian education pays

By Joe H. Tuten
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pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson
I went to a Baptist college. It was not a big decision on my part at the time, though my sister was a graduate of another Baptist college. In fact, except for the thoughtful and wise suggestions of two pastors, friends of our family, I probably would not have gone to a Baptist college. I regard it now, however, after more than 40 years, as one of the most crucial and significant decisions of my life.

Usually, if an attorney can establish successfully one or two good reasons related to a matter, he can win his case. I can cite at least seven good reasons why a young person—should give the most serious consideration to going to a Baptist college.

First, at a Baptist college one will study under committed Christian teachers. There may be an occasional exception, and rock-throwers will gleefully help Satan hold the exceptions up for display, but teachers at Baptist colleges overwhelmingly are men and women who are committed Christians. They love God, and they are the kind of members that any faithful pastor would delight to have in his church. They are deacons, Sunday School teachers, and choir members. They pray for their students. They are examples of Christian living. They touch the lives of students with truth and inspiration.

Frances Landrum Tyler of Blue Mountain College is such a person. She has touched and blessed the lives of hundreds and hundreds of Mississippi's finest youth during her almost 40 years as teacher and first lady of that campus. Through her books on prayer and the home, she has reached out to multiplied thousands of Baptist people across the nation and around the world. She has been a fire and a glow for God with her joy and enthusiasm for life.

The late John Carter of Clarke College certainly was such a person. He was much of the spiritual breath and life of that campus almost 60 years until his death in 1979. Carter was regarded by many as a virtual encyclopedia of Bible knowledge, yet he never tired of searching the scriptures and sharing his insight into God's Word. His inspiration and encouragement live on in the lives of many of his students.

Howard E. Spell of Mississippi College has been a sterling example of an outstanding Christian educator. If ever there was a Christian gentleman of the first order who dearly loved college students, it would have to be Howard E. Spell or someone very much

like him. His whole life epitomized scholarship, purpose, and kindness. Spell joined me several years ago for the funeral service of the beloved J. S. (Sunshine) Riser, which was held in the sanctuary of our church. What a message of comfort and triumph! This is the kind of man that Mississippi College students "rubbed shoulders" with for almost a half century.

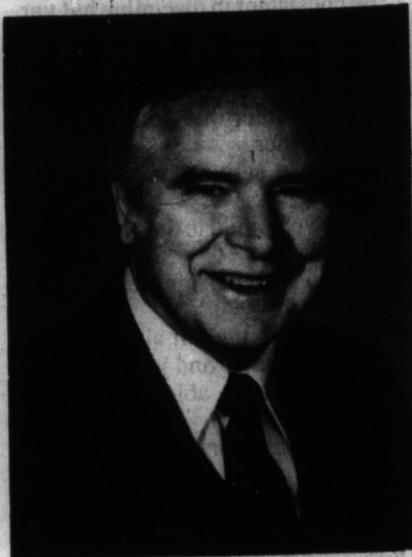
Donald Winters of William Carey College readily comes to mind. The far-reaching influence of this man's life staggers the mind. He, along with his wife, Frances, started the now fabulous Southern Baptist program of Children's Choirs while he was minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, where the late Ellis Fuller was pastor. He was co-founder of the School of Church Music at Southern Seminary. And for 25 years he was dean of the department of music at William Carey College right here in our own state of Mississippi. His Carey College Chorale has presented tremendous musical feasts in many churches and at numerous state and Southern Baptist Convention sessions.

These are the kind of competent, truly dedicated, and genuinely committed Christian faculty members who daily write their own principles into the lives of students on Baptist college campuses.

Second, at a Baptist college one lives and associates with other Christian students. This is a tremendous help. I still remember a colorful desk pad that was handed me soon after my arrival on campus, entitled, "Horse Sense for College Men." Among the lines of wisdom under that caption was one which said, "Your roommate is the most important person you will meet at college. Try to get him to walk with you toward heaven. If he refuses, get a divorce—quickly!"

Earnest Arnold, an ex-Marine, a student of strong Christian character and high academic standards, was one of my roommates. He helped me learn the discipline of study. Horace Benjamin, my suite mate in our "apartment" in the college dining room where we earned our college expenses, helped strengthen my prayer life. It was not uncommon to see Horace in mid-afternoon on his knees for as long as an hour.

There were others. Johnnie Walters, who later became director of International Revenue Service, was my upper-class counselor. He was a mature and caring Christian even then. John E. Johns, now president of Furman University, roomed on my floor. He was a very genuine person and a committed Christian. It is not surprising that he has become a highly respected no-nonsense president of a



Joe Tuten

Christian college.

These are the kind of men and women of tomorrow who are on our Baptist college campuses today. They are living, studying, playing, and worshipping together. They reinforce each other's faith in the living God. They challenge each other to be and do their best in every way.

Third, at a Baptist college one lives and grows under the umbrella of an institution with a clear Christian purpose. Not every student on campus is a committed Christian, of course, but the purpose of the college is unmistakably Christian. Righteous living is encouraged. Ethical principles are upheld. Every student who will accept it has much support to "resist the devil" in his or her daily life. The commitment to live for Christ is frequently affirmed by some friendly and caring faculty member, administrative officer, or fellow student.

Fourth, at a Baptist college one is under the influence of a strong Christian who serves as college president. Everyone knew, that John L. Plyler, the president of my college, was a courteous Christian gentleman. But it was my Sunday School teacher in my sophomore year who helped me to see what a great Christian Judge Plyler really was when he told us that Judge Plyler led him to Christ when he was the judge's court reporter. Through Judge Plyler's concern and witness, God had saved him from a life of alcoholism and turned him into a wonderful Sunday School teacher.

Harold Fisher, Lewis Nobles, and Ralph Noonkester are strong Christian men and moral leaders in Mississippi. Each is a deacon and worker in his church.

Fifth, at a Baptist college one is exposed to many great Christian leaders. I had the privilege a few days ago to attending the chapel service at Mississippi College. W. O. Vaught spoke to the assembly about his recent visit to

China. The students were remarkably attentive. They listened because he spoke with evident knowledge and concern about the spiritual needs of a billion people in China.

Sixth, at a Baptist college one finds many open doors of Christian service. Youth teams from the colleges are always going out to churches for special services. They visit nursing homes, children's hospital wards, and rehabilitation centers. They discover their own feelings of Christian altruism through sharing with others. They come to realize that it really is more blessed to give than to receive. Christ's meaning and purpose of life begin to form a strong personal shape within their lives.

Finally, everyone who really wants to do so can go to a Baptist college. We sometimes hear someone say that it costs so much to go to a Baptist college that many families cannot afford it. It does cost a great deal, and in today's world it should cost a great deal. But there is something else that should be said about the cost of attending a Baptist college. If a student really wants to go to a Baptist college, someone will help that student with the expenses.

A Christian businessman, a church, or the college itself will help with the expenses. Approximately 75 percent of the students at Blue Mountain, Clarke, Mississippi College, and William Carey today are receiving some kind of scholarship or financial assistance. I do not know of any area of life in which Jesus' prayer principle of asking, seeking, and knocking is more readily fulfilled than that of Christian young people who really want a Christian education.

The names of those adults who will joyfully provide financial assistance to purposeful and committed Christian students are legion. The deans of admissions and the college presidents will help any student, but the student must ask.

I am grateful for what Furman University, a Baptist college, meant to me as a country boy. One of my wishes is that every Christian young person in Mississippi who wants to go to a Baptist college will determine to do so.

With a purpose

A Baptist college adds to faith skills

The idea of going to college is both exciting and frightening. Think about the events of college—football games, parties, dormitory life, new friends, and even classes—brings to mind all the traditional pictures of exciting good times.

Those same thoughts, however, can also bring fearful questions: "Will I be admitted? Will I be accepted by other students and faculty? Will I be homesick? How will I know which college is best? How will my friends react to my choice of a college?"

The choice of a college ideally should include considerations other than geographical location, easier admission policies and the reputation of the school's athletic teams. The purpose of the college and the emphases of the college should be major concerns.

The Baptist college alternative

A Baptist college could be an ideal choice for a Baptist young person. In the Baptist college—like Blue Mountain, Clarke, Mississippi College, and William Carey—concern will be given to many of the same emphases as in the local church.

The purpose of Baptist college is to provide the opportunity to study the various academic disciplines within a Christian perspective. Baptist colleges and universities are committed to the belief that a student's educational pilgrimage is not experienced fully unless one's intellectual growth is accompanied by spiritual growth.

Baptist colleges exist to provide sound academic opportunities and opportunities for expanding faith. The stated purpose of Baptist colleges is related to undergirding Christian faith as well as increasing technical skills and enlarging knowledge.

Espouse faith

One of the greatest strengths of a Baptist college is the freedom to demonstrate and espouse the Christian faith by persons involved in college leadership. Faculty members are not only free to do so, but are encouraged to share their faith and to relate that faith to the academic discipline and the personal needs of the students.

The counseling program of the Baptist college will include persons and emphases which will attempt to affirm Christian decisions. Vocational and personal choices which are a part of one's faith will be understood and affirmed by counselors, faculty, and a large number of the student body. There also will be opportunities for

more social activities which will strengthen the resolve of the Christian young person to live one's faith.

One should not expect, however, that even on the Baptist campus there will be no temptation to sin. The value of the Baptist college is in the persons and programs encouraging Christian motives and growth.

Central goal

Other colleges will have individuals and programs which will have a Christian purpose, but the central goal of the Baptist college is strengthening the commitment to the Christian faith.

Mississippi is fortunate to have four institutions which are identified as Southern Baptist colleges under ownership of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. There are 46 senior colleges and universities and seven junior colleges located in 16 states sponsored by Southern Baptists. These are the schools dedicated to providing education in a Christian environment.

Religion plus . . .

All Baptist colleges have a department or departments which provide the opportunity for serious study of the Bible and related religious subjects, but there is more.

Each of the Baptist colleges is primarily a liberal arts college and offers the kind of program which is considered by many to be the best basic education for those who may not have decided on a life work. Excellent programs are offered in fields such as business, accounting, education, health sciences, mathematics, the sciences, computer science, and more. Some of the colleges have preprofessional courses in a variety of areas preparing the graduate for admission to graduate schools. Several of our Mississippi schools even offer graduate work in a number of areas. But there is still more.

Baptist colleges also offer activities outside the classroom. Numerous clubs, athletic teams, musical groups, and media opportunities are just a few of the extracurricular activities offered on Baptist college campuses.

A Baptist college is not for everyone; but it could be for you. Call or visit one of the four Mississippi Baptist institutions this week and let them explain in detail what they have to offer.

Phone numbers for the Mississippi Baptist colleges are: Blue Mountain College, 685-4771; Clarke College, 683-2061; Mississippi College, 924-5131; and William Carey College, 582-5081.

Baptist schools deserve support

By Don McGregor

The slogan for Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day is "Committed To Teaching Christian Values." That one terse statement sums up the purpose of 72 Baptist seminaries, colleges, and schools that are to be found all the way from Mill Valley in California to Richmond, Va., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

The commitment to teaching Christian values is directed toward 176,000 students in those schools, and that means that for every four years there are that many fine young people who have had this kind of an exposure throughout four of their most critical year of moving into adulthood.

The number of graduates is growing at an ever-increasing pace; but even so, since the beginning of Christian education in Baptist schools in the early 1800s, there have been more than half a million graduates of Baptist institutions.

These colleges and schools offer

Christian education in a large number of fields including business, medicine, law, education, music, science, communications, and nursing among many others. One of the largest fields remains church-related vocations, however, as a total of 24,000 are preparing for careers in this area. Of that group, 3,000 are preparing to be home and foreign missionaries.

Thus all over our nation and all around the world there are graduates of Southern Baptist-related seminaries, colleges, and schools who are making our nation and the world better places for people because of the knowledge that they have acquired and because of the attitudes that they have accepted during their time of study and learning under Southern Baptist influence.

Many are serving in church-related vocations; but many others are making better businessmen, better physicians, better lawyers, better teachers, better musicians, better scientists, better communicators, and better

nurses because of their Southern Baptist education.

Mississippi has three such institutions in Mississippi College, William Carey College, and Blue Mountain College. A fourth, Clarke College, is a division of Mississippi College. These institutions are carrying their share of the load in providing a Baptist, Christian education for more than 4,000 young people each year.

The writer is a product of a Baptist college. Whatever my abilities and commitment might amount to, they are better because of my Baptist education.

This issue of the Baptist Record is aimed at calling attention to these institutions. They serve us and our children as they search for ways to make life better and to give life a Christian perspective.

They deserve our support. Southern Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day, Feb. 20, is a day set aside to point out their need for our support. The need is continual, however.

The value of a Baptist school

By Arthur L. Walker Jr.

A new attention has recently been directed to Baptist colleges and schools. Some of this attention has implied Southern Baptist colleges are not different from state-supported institutions.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Though Baptist schools may use the same textbooks and teach the fundamentals of certain subjects as do state-supported colleges and universities, there is a major difference that cannot be overlooked. The difference is the Christian commitment of the persons involved.

The purpose of Baptist colleges is to provide the opportunity to study the various academic disciplines within a Christian perspective. Baptist colleges and universities are committed to the belief that a student's educational pilgrimage is not experienced fully unless one's intellectual growth is accompanied by spiritual growth.

One of the greatest strengths of a Baptist institution is the freedom to demonstrate and espouse the Christian faith by persons involved in college leadership. Faculty members are not only free to do so but are also encouraged to share their faith and to relate that faith to the academic discipline and the personal needs of their students.

A person should not get the idea, however, that Baptist colleges are perfect and that there will be no sin on a Baptist college campus. Students, faculty, administration, and staff are only humans; and as taught in the Scriptures, by that very fact, a Baptist school is not exempt from sin.

The value of the Baptist college is that it promotes and encourages young people NOT to participate in activities which are not in line with Baptist beliefs and Christian commitment.

Young people on Baptist college campuses have a greater opportunity

to surround themselves with other Christians who share the same beliefs. They are able to involve themselves in programs which encourage Christian motives and growth.

Other colleges and universities will have individuals and programs with a Christian purpose, but THE CENTRAL GOAL OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE IS STRENGTHENING THE COMMITMENT TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

The 66 schools sponsored by state Baptist conventions and the six seminaries, which are operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, have committed themselves to the one thing which makes them different from state-supported schools. They are dedicated to providing education which emphasizes the Christian perspective.

(Arthur L. Walker Jr. is executive director/treasurer of the Education Commission, Southern Baptist Convention.)

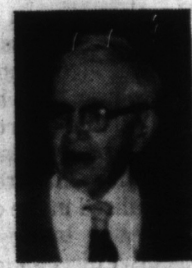
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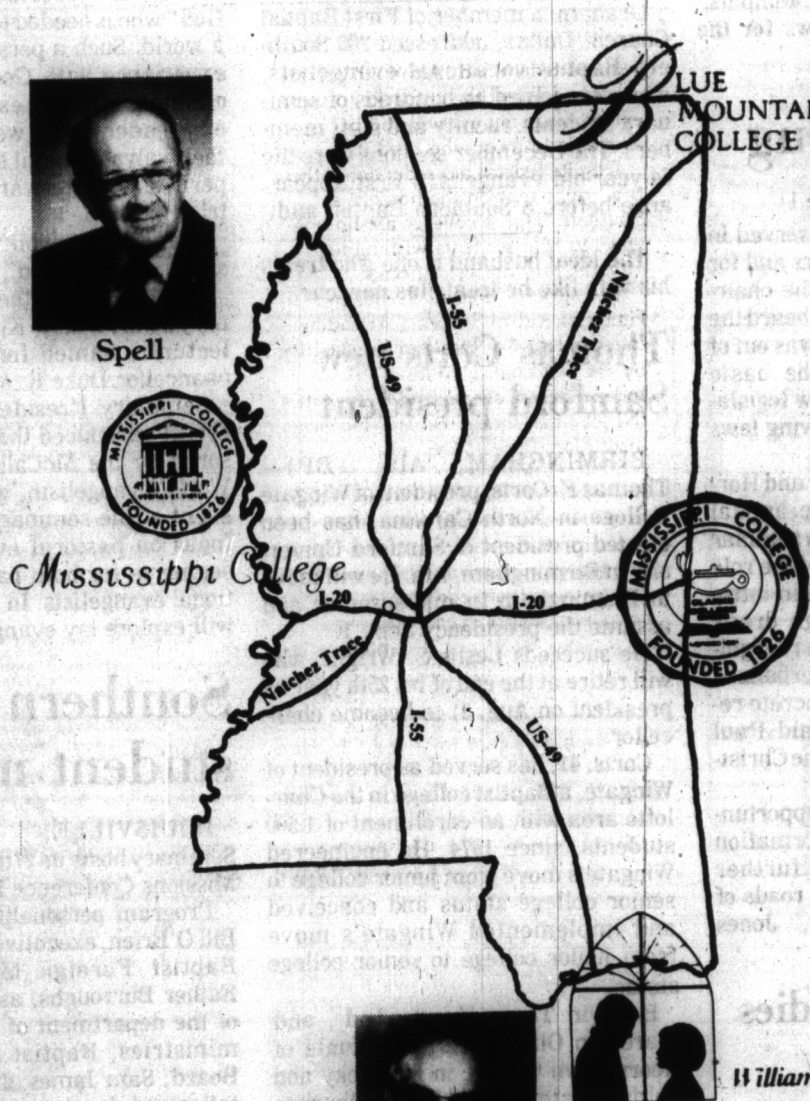
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You really should get to know your Mississippi Baptist schools better. They offer quality education in a Christian environment. What makes them really distinctive, however, is the Christian influence exerted by the faculty and staff. The influence of the individuals pictured has contributed immeasurably to the impact of the colleges themselves. Get to know your Baptist schools. They rank among the best.

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Changes in bylaws of Mississippi WMU

Several minor changes in the Bylaws of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union need to be made in order to bring the Bylaws up to date.

Article XI of the Bylaws states that proposed changes are to be published

WMU names new Royal Service editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Betty Merrell, a former Southern Baptist missionary, has been named editor of *Royal Service* magazine by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. *Royal Service*, WMU's monthly magazine for adult women, has 320,000 subscribers—the largest circulation of any mission magazine within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Merrell, a native of Tulsa, Okla., is a graduate of Southern Baptist Junior College and Arkansas Polytechnic University. She attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She also was a missionary to Vietnam for 10 years and director of the Vietnam Baptist Publication Department for one year.

Merrell has been on church staffs in Maryland, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana. She was music and education director at First Baptist Church, Livingston, Ala., before coming to WMU. Her husband, R. D. Merrell, Sr., is pastor of the church.

She has also been administrative assistant at the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C.

BSSB trustees authorize study

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or more than we talk about the Book."

Reporting on one of four corporate priorities established for his administration in 1975, Bible teaching for the masses, Cothen cited the addition of the Bible Book Series for youth and adults and the Convention Uniform Series for preschoolers and children.

He also listed "At Home with the Bible," a radio and television program and Bible correspondence course, and numerous efforts including "8.5 by '85" to restore a growth psychology to Southern Baptist churches.

In other actions, trustees approved a new quarterly periodical, *Urban Review: A Journal of Urban Church Studies*, to begin publication June 1, 1982.

Re-elected as trustee officers were: chairman, Alton McEachern, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.; vice chairman and chairman of the executive committee, John B. Daley, pastor of Brook Hollow Baptist Church, Nashville, and recording secretary, A. Sidney Waits, pastor of Hickory Hills Baptist Church, Memphis.

(Linda Lawson edits news for the Sunday School Board.)

Drunk driving

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his church at Ecru. He has served in the legislature for three years and for the 1982 session served as the chairman of a sub-committee that heard the drunk driving legislation. It was out of his sub-committee that the basic structure of the proposed new legislation to toughen the drunk driving laws came.

"The appearance of Dollar and Horton on the program on the annual Christian Action Commission seminar is both an acknowledgment of the role that these two men have had in introducing and pushing through drunk driving legislation and also a recognition that intentions that are verbalized must be actualized in the concrete reality of effective laws," said Paul Jones, executive director of the Christian Action Commission.

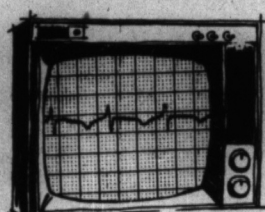
The seminar should give opportunity for the gathering of information and the formulating of further strategy to remove from the roads of Mississippi the drunk driver," Jones added.

New mission studies marriage, family

Trinity Baptist Church was organized Dec. 5, 1982, as a mission of Lake Washington Baptist Church at Glen Allen. Trinity is located on Highway 82 between Greenville and Leland.

On Jan. 23, Paige Cothren, marriage counselor on the staff of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Memphis, led the new church in a four-part series of study on marriage and the family.

Cothren preached a sermon and then led in a discussion of the family, based on scriptures in Genesis. Then in the third session, Mrs. Foy Cothren led the women in a study of Proverbs 31 while Paige Cothren led the men's Bible study. The final session dealt with the basic needs for a rewarding marriage and family life, and use of the Bible as final authority for all aspects of living.



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A parent alone

Since my husband has gone, the burden seems unbearable at times. There is no one to check my ideas about being a good parent. I'm afraid of doing the wrong thing, so I change back and forth. This sometimes confuses the children. Really, can one parent successfully raise a family?—A Single Parent

Yes, it can be done. In fact, it is being done every day. Parenting priorities are the same. Perhaps the best way for anyone to become a good parent is to work on their own maturity.

It is true that a child needs both male and female role models. Often these models can be a relative, Sunday School teacher, school teacher, or community club leader who is of the sex opposite the parent.

What are the parenting priorities? Here are some, not necessarily in priority listing:

1. Convey to the child the feeling of being loved.
2. Respect the child as a person, building self-esteem.
3. Communicate to the child a sense

of security in your situation.

4. Give the gift of self. No parent substitute by activities or things.
5. Model affection in the home of touching, giving, and sharing.
6. Encourage openness and free communication.
7. Be consistent in discipline but varied, based upon needs and relationships.
8. Teach your child how to make decisions rather than make them all for him/her.
9. Convey a set of Christian moral values.
10. Allow your child to develop his/her uniqueness.
11. Establish some significant family rituals.
12. Have some fun in it all. Develop a sense of humor and joy. Your children need to be able to remember the fun times. Do your best to build pleasant memories.

Address inquiries to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Paul Church names annex for Finley Evans

Finley Evans, a Baptist minister and director of missions who died Dec. 12, 1982, has been recognized by a Tallahatchie County church for his service, according to Joe Young, pastor of Paul Baptist Church.

Located 14 miles from Grenada, the Paul Church has named the new Christian Education Building it dedicated last summer the "Finley Evans Memorial Annex."

Evans, who had given himself untiringly to that church in some difficult days in 1978, was the speaker at that dedication, Young said.

Evans was the director of missions for Grenada and Yalobusha County Baptist Associations, and for a time also led Tallahatchie County Baptists as they sought to develop their work of missions within their county, Young said.

During this time he became associated with the Paul Baptist Church, until 1981, when Tallahatchie Baptists secured fulltime leadership.

New Life disbands, remaining members join Paul Church

New Life Baptist Church, organized in Tallahatchie County in 1938, has disbanded as of the end of January, 1983.

The few remaining active members have been accepted into the Paul Church nearby, and the Paul Church will maintain the New Life records that other members may validate their previous membership when desiring to unite with another church.

Knowing that their community was dying or being absorbed by nearby communities, New Life members in 1975 deeded the church and property to Tallahatchie Association, with the agreement that the properties would in some way be used for the benefit of nearby Lakeside Baptist Assembly, the associational camp.

Though never large in membership, New Life had a record of strong giving in its last years, with a deep commitment to missions through the Cooperative Program. Its former members are active in churches throughout the area, many of them as church leaders. Terry Tribble of Charleston was the last pastor.

Brazil associate area director visits

Raymond Kolb, associate to the area director for Brazil for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Mrs. Kolb visited the Baptist Record recently during their furlough. The Kolbs live in Brasilia while on the field. He is a native of Blue Springs in Union County. She is from Dublin, Ga. He is teaching at Mississippi College while on furlough. They will return to the field in June.

Graham says 'man of God' urgently needed in world

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham spoke frankly about the brevity of life and urged fellow Southern Baptists to redouble efforts to "redeem the time" during the first Congress on Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In two keynote addresses, Graham repeatedly noted the "urgency of the hour" and called for a recommitment to the gospel in an age marked by the threat of nuclear holocaust.

Graham, a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, addressed 200 Southern Baptist vocational evangelists, who were joined by hundreds of seminary students, faculty and staff members. The December sessions were the 64-year-old evangelist's first appearance before a Southern Baptist audience since the Southern Baptist Convention last June.

In his second address, Graham spoke of "total revolution, worldwide." He said the revolution's many facets—technological, political, social, and religious—affect the lives of people everywhere.

In such context, "the most important work in the world is . . . doing what God has called (you) to do and doing it faithfully," he said.

Graham described the "man of God" who is needed to minister in such a world. Such a person "will have an experience with God in Christ," he claimed. He cited examples of religious leaders who were uncertain of their salvation until they had vivid experiences. Afterwards, their ministries multiplied.

"Make sure you know Christ as savior," he warned.

Graham visited the Louisville seminary as the Lizette Kimbrough McCall lecturer, named for the mother of chancellor Duke K. McCall.

Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt announced the congress, sponsored by the McCall Foundation for World Evangelism, will be an annual event at the seminary. In 1983 it will focus on pastoral evangelism, with segments for both pastors and vocational evangelists. In 1984 the meeting will explore lay evangelism.

Thomas Corts new Samford president

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Thomas E. Corts, president of Wingate College in North Carolina, has been elected president of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He will move to Birmingham in mid-summer and assume the presidency Sept. 1.

He succeeds Leslie S. Wright, who will retire at the end of his 25th year as president on Aug. 31 to become chancellor.

Corts, 41, has served as president of Wingate, a Baptist college in the Charlotte area with an enrollment of 1,500 students, since 1974. He engineered Wingate's move from junior college to senior college status and conceived and implemented Wingate's move from junior college to senior college status.

Born in Terre Haute, Ind., and reared in Ohio, he is a graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky and holds master's and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University.

Drapers lead revival at New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The faculty of New Orleans Seminary drafted a letter of gratitude to Southern Baptist Convention President James T. Draper Jr. for his "positive leadership" Feb. 1-4 during a campus revival.

Larger than normal audiences attended the daytime and evening services as local Baptist leaders and laymen joined students and faculty at the meetings.

Carol Ann Draper told a meeting of the Student Wives Association some of her personal experiences while her husband was attending Southwestern Seminary. Both said seminary had

been a difficult time for them financially and spiritually.

During the week Draper was called by Fort Worth newsmen to comment on statements by Jerry Falwell that Southern Baptists should remove support from schools which did not reflect the beliefs of the majority of Southern Baptists.

Draper told NOBTS library director Paul Gericke he respected Falwell's opinion but this was a matter for Southern Baptists and not outsiders to deal with. Draper later said he had not participated in criticism of the seminaries.

MK killed in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe (BP)—Charles V. "Chip" Corley, 12-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries Charles K. and Gayla Corley, was killed near his home in Harare Feb. 3 when a car struck his bicycle.

A memorial service was held Feb. 5 in Zimbabwe. Funeral services were held Feb. 8 at Southwest Park Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas.

Young Corley was born Nov. 16, 1970. Besides his parents, survivors include his grandparents, C. F. Corley, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Vardaman, Breckenridge, Texas.

The Corleys were appointed mis-

sionaries to Zimbabwe July 21, 1981. Corley teaches medical technology at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.

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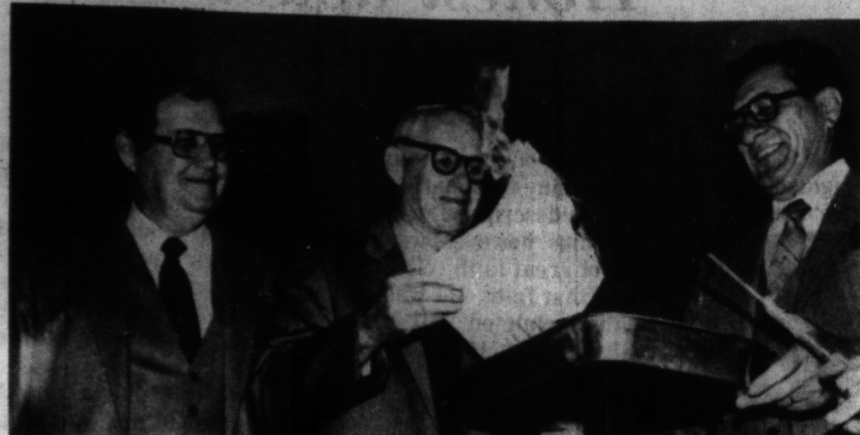
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Just for the Record

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THE GRIFFIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, MOSS POINT, on Jan. 30, burned a \$96,000 dollar note that was paid off two years early. Left to right, Allen Webb, executive director, Jackson County Baptist Association; center, M. C. Tucker, treasurer emeritus (who served 25 years). Atheris McNeil, pastor at the church for 11 years; not pictured, Mrs. Dorris Watts, clerk, who struck the match.

The church also had paid off the pastorum note eight years early, and organized the Pine Lake Mission which is now Pine Lake Baptist Church. The Griffin Street Baptist Church is now debt free.



NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, STARKVILLE, held a dedication and note burning service recently. Facilities dedicated were a new organ, newly constructed baptistry, newly installed carpet, and a landscape project.

The construction note for the Fellowship Hall, built in 1975, was paid in 1982. The note burning service recognized that accomplishment. Those taking part were the deacons, from left, Odie Chesser, Archie Chesser, Robert Johnston, Don Mott, and D. C. Carmichael. J. C. Mitchell, director of missions, Oktibbeha Association, assisted. Mickey Ferguson is pastor. A Harvest Dinner was held following the Nov. 21 service.



THE YOUNGER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS at First Church, Mize, recently visited their friend, Wayne Jones, to deliver small gifts and a mobile they had made. The children did this as follow-up of a study they had made of God's love and care. Their teacher, Mrs. George W. McNeese, reported, "They sang 'Jesus Loves Me' for Mr. Wayne and each one hugged him as they left."



TWENTY RA CRUSADERS and their counselors were recognized in the Sunday morning services Jan. 30 at First Church, Ripley. There were 78 awards presented, reports the pastor, Harris Counce, Jr. The RA program has tripled in the last two years, Counce added.

First row (l-r): Mike Britt, Spencer Holley, Lee Jay Grisham, Keith Aycock, Brad Hurt, Shane Crawford. Second row: Lee Bennett, Shane Hill, Brigg James, Lathan Newby, Matthew Goolsby, John Britt, Jr. Third row: Randy McCoy, Britt Newby, Chip Coombs, Sam Bryant. Fourth row: Chris Garner, Craig Heard, Steve Cross, Paul B. Glissen. Fifth row, counselors: John Britt, Sr., Terry Davis, Durward Morgan, Clayton Littlejohn, Mike Hill and John Greganti. Not pictured: Donald Karpovich, Matt Griffin, Perrin Roten, Witt Long, Dale Caviness, counselor, and Wiley Nance, counselor.



BIBLE SEARCHERS (fifth and sixth grades in Sunday School) at Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, have received awards for the good job they did in Bible memory work. Those who got Certificates of Excellence (learned 40 or more verses, books of the Bible, and quarterly passages of Scripture) were, left to right, LeAnne Burris, Leigh McKnight, Micah Davidson, Ben Ehrlich, and, not pictured, Todd Johnson. Those who got Certificates of Advancement (25 or more verses) were Roddy Bridges, Ken Crosby, Becky Hanna, Karen Holbrook, Greg Hopping, Mary Lockett, Greg McKay, Stacie Salter, and Beth Thomas. Those who got Certificates of Achievement (1 to 25 verses) were Bryan Hopping, Chris Hughes, Chris McKay, and Jim McLellan. Bill Davidson is the minister of education.

"HIS" Ministry (Mary Ann Jones) will present a message through concert entitled "The Fruit Bearing Branch" at Indian Springs Baptist Church, Sunday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. In the past year, over 125 churches in the southeast have called upon her to share her testimony and message in music. This full length original music presentation was designed as "a witness that God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways through his power and their yieldedness."

"HIS" Ministry has sent Mary Ann Jones as far as Brazil in a discipleship ministry in the churches.

The Slim Cornett Trio will present a service of worship through music at the Ashland Baptist Church Sunday evening, Feb. 20, at 7.

Gary (Slim) Cornett, full-time music evangelist from Ripley, and former minister of music of several churches in Mississippi, is leader of the trio. He is joined by Kathy Voyles, church pianist at First Church, Ripley, and Dawn Davidson, member of First Church, Booneville. They sang at Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference last week in Starkville.

Phillip Bray is the Ashland pastor, and Ed Sudduth is minister of music.

Baptist Men of First Baptist Church, Ripley, were in charge of the Sunday morning service Jan. 30, in observance of Baptist Men's Day. The theme of the program was "The Baptist Man in Today's World." Topics highlighted were "The Baptist Man in the Home," "The Baptist Man in his Church," and "The Baptist Man in his Business." Harris Counce, Jr. is the pastor.

Sound of Joy will present a concert on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Star Baptist Church, six miles south of Florence on Hwy. 49 in Star. Sound of Joy is a musical outreach of SuArt Ministries, Inc., Pensacola, FL. Under the direction of Chris Rolan, Sound of Joy's concert program combines hymns with contemporary sounds of today. The concert will include songs of praise and joy in musical styles from contemporary to country to classical. For further information, call 845-2736.



Evergreen Baptist Church, Winston County, recently called Leonard Howell as pastor. At the close of a Sunday evening service, the church gave an old-fashioned pounding for him and his wife. Howell moved from New Albany, Union County Baptist Association. Left to right: Mrs. Howell, Leonard Howell, and chairman of deacons, Morris Massey.



THE WMU AND BROTHERHOOD OF LAKELAND BAPTIST CHURCH, ITAWAMBA COUNTY, recently made arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rankin of Fulton to telephone their son, Jerry Rankin, and his family in Indonesia, where they are missionaries. This call was in connection with Lakeland's December observance of the WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

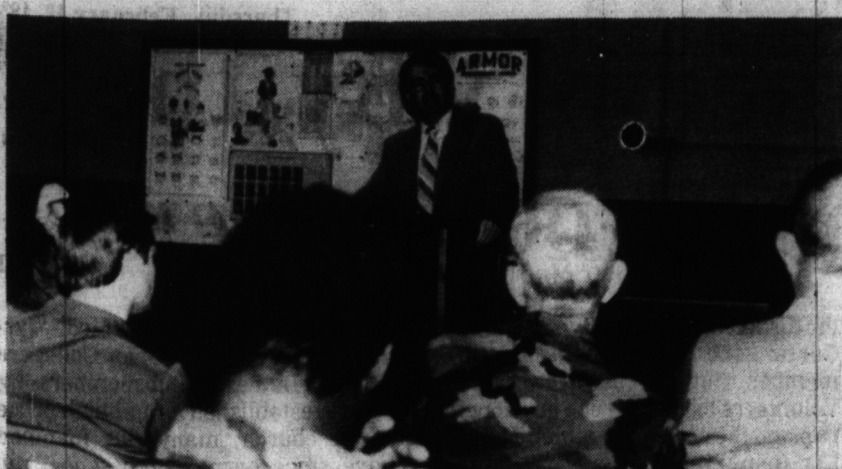
Names in the News

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's Chaplain Mel Ehrlich was certified on Dec. 10 as fellow in the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association making MBMC the only hospital in Mississippi with two certified chaplains. Gordon Shamburger, MBMC's director of the Chaplaincy Department, is also certified. To be certified, the chaplain must submit a typed paper explaining his theological beliefs, submit a log of his patient-chaplain interviews, and go before the regional certification committee to answer questions. Serving on the certification committee were Jim Travis, chaplain at University Medical Center; Roy Smith, BSU director at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; Chaplain Shamburger; and Paul Jones, director, Christian Action Commission. Ehrlich will go to a national College of Chaplains convention in San Diego in March for the formal presentation of his certificate.

T. D. (Junie) McElroy, Jr., was honored as Layman of the year on Jan. 23, at Hernando Baptist Church. John Bramlett, a lay minister and former all-pro linebacker, preached the message that Sunday in observance of Baptist Men's Day. Special music was provided by the J. B. Betts family. The Betts family gave a concert during the evening worship service. W. E. Corkern is pastor.

Sylvarena Baptist Church, Raleigh, initiated the deacon rotation plan, effective Jan. 1, 1983, and has elected Kenneth James and Edison Windham as deacons. Windham was ordained on Jan. 9 in a service conducted by the pastor, Robert Jackson, and present deacons.

Judy Ann Fortenberry of Jackson was selected for inclusion in the 1982 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson.



Church staffer talks to Guardsmen

Phillip E. Swearingin, minister of recreation and youth, First Baptist Church, Batesville, delivered a devotional message on Sunday, Dec. 5, to National Guardsmen at the Batesville armory. Since each National Guard battalion only has one chaplain, he cannot conduct services every week at all the units over which he has charge, so volunteers, when available, speak during Sunday services. "Such volunteer speakers are often needed, and this is a way that perhaps some have not realized that they could minister," said William L. Waller, Jr., of Jackson, commanding officer of the battalion which has a unit at Batesville. Swearingin is himself a veteran, Waller said. He could relate to his audience, and so "presented a concise and straightforward message which addressed the spiritual needs each man has, in that we are trained to fight, we must be prepared to die."

Missionary's letter impresses WMU member before her death

JACKSON, Miss.—Joan Flannigan was excited as she read a letter from missionary Charles Whitten at a WMU Round Table meeting.

Minutes later, as she was getting into her car to leave, another car hit her. She died in surgery.

Mrs. Flannigan, the mother of a son and two married daughters, committed herself in August to pray for Whitten and his ministry in the Canary Islands and to write him. Though she found it difficult to write a personal letter to someone she had never met, she did it.

She was impressed when Whitten answered, telling her about his work and the needs of the Canary Islands and all of Spain. He assured Mrs. Flannigan of his interest in her, her church, Oak Forest Baptist in Jackson, Miss., and her WMU.

As Mrs. Flannigan read his letter to her Round Table group Dec. 14, she stopped suddenly in the middle and remarked, "It makes me feel so humble that this veteran missionary, who is so busy, would take time to write to me."

The next letter the missionary re-

ceived from Jackson was written by Mavis Fox, Oak Forest WMU director, informing Whitten of Mrs. Flannigan's death.

"Today I went to her funeral and I kept thinking of how God had worked in her life," Mrs. Fox wrote. "She had grown so much spiritually, in spite of problems that would have stopped many. She touched the lives of most of us at Oak Forest, as evidenced today by the full church at the funeral service."

"Thank you for the letter she so much enjoyed!"

Dramatist will lead Clarke in Spiritual Emphasis Week

Feb. 21-24 is scheduled as Spiritual Emphasis Week at Clarke College, Newton. Leading services for the week will be Frank Roughton Harvey of Cambridge, Ohio, a religious dramatist who portrays the leading role in "The Cambridge Passion Play," outdoor drama performed live with scores of actors and animals. He has presented "The Passion Play" in Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium and in the Atlanta Stadium, where he once performed to over 45,000.

Harvey has performed the "Sermon on the Mount" more than 4,000 times and has written a book on the subject. He served as Protestant retreat leader for Major General Gerhardt Hyatt to Thailand, Okinawa, and Japan.

He received an A.B. degree from Asbury College and master's degrees from Emory University and the University of Georgia.

Services at Clarke will be held at 7:30 each night in the Loft Fine Arts on the Clarke College campus. The public is invited. For more information, con-

tact Clarke College, director of religious activities.



Harvey as Roman centurion.

Off the Record

Junior Hill tells this and attributes it to Adrian Rogers: Two mountain climbers are being chased by a bear and one hops on one leg to put on jogging shoes. The other says, "You can't outrun that bear." The first says, "I know, all I have to do is outrun you."

Roy Fish tells this: A golfer at a notorious water hazard got out an old golf ball. He heard a mysterious voice say, "Use a new ball." The voice repeated the command; the golfer decided to obey this voice. He got out a new ball. Then the voice said, "Take a practice swing." He took the practice swing. Then the voice said, "Use an old ball."

Elton Johnson dies; was Brazil missionary

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.—R. Elton Johnson Sr., emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, died Feb. 4 in Jefferson City, Tenn., following an apparent heart attack. He was 79.

When he retired in 1971, Johnson was named honorary president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention in recognition of his 37 years of missionary work. Prior to his retirement he directed the Northeast Baptist Bible Institute in Feira de Santana, Bahia.

An Alabamian, Johnson was born in Hartselle and grew up in Decatur. He was a graduate of University of Alabama, and Southern Baptist Seminary.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Johnson of Jefferson City; two sons, Robert Elton Johnson Jr., of Charleston, S.C., former Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, and Ernest Johnson of Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Ettie Jeanne Harris of Portsmouth, Va., and Virginia Ruth (Mrs. Ovis) Fairley of Drew, Miss.; 14 grandchildren; one brother; and three sisters.

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